

November 26, 2004

Honorable Ron Gonzales, Mayor, and members of City Council  
Coyote Valley Specific Plan Task Force  
City of San Jose  
801 N. First Street  
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Mr. Gonzales, City Council, Task Force Members, and Planners;

Our family property lies on the Eastern side of Monterey Highway and is within the Urban Reserve designation of the Coyote Valley Specific Plan. We have a vested interest in how and where development occurs in the Coyote Valley, most specifically the area east of Monterey Highway. We are concerned by recent land use discussions as they relate to Monterey Highway and the future of our family property.

We are willing to work with the city and the task force but would like to have our concerns considered in the density and land use planning discussions. It is in our best interests to protect our quality of life and our investment for the future. The development of Coyote Valley and its ultimate success or failure will have a direct impact on my life and on the lives of my family members. We ask that our neighborhood, the lands east of Monterey Highway, be designated Residential, at a density no higher than 10 dwelling units per acre, which is the lowest residential density currently proposed in the CV Specific Plan. Creating a low density transition as you travel from the eastern edge of the Urban Reserve to the urban core will not only maintain our quality of life but it would also create an aesthetic transition between the riparian and agricultural environment and your vision of a modern urban landscape.


We urge you to seriously consider the following issues when finalizing land use plans:

- (1) Designate land use east of Monterey Highway at the lowest residential density (10 units per acre).
- (2) Do not place commercial, industrial, or mixed use land designations along the eastern side of Monterey Highway except possibly in the hamlet of Coyote.
- (3) Focus planning decisions east of Monterey Highway on providing a scenic residential transition between Coyote Creek and Monterey Highway, designed to reduce noise, pollution, and traffic/parking access concerns.

We hope you will consider these issues as they affect our home and heritage. We respectfully ask that you restore the focus of commercial planning within the villages and urban core. It seems unreasonable to create a shopping strip along Monterey Highway, planned as a major traffic artery, and then expect residents to patronize the urban core and neighborhood villages.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

  
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Cc: Planning Department, Attention Sal Yakubu and Laurel Prevetti, Room 400

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MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE  
OF THE COYOTE VALLEY SPECIFIC PLAN:

THE CURRENT SPECIFIC PLAN FOR LANDS IN THE  
URBAN RESERVE AREA EAST OF THE HISTORIC  
EL CAMINO REAL (OLD HIGHWAY 101) INDICATE  
DEVELOPMENT INTO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL  
AREAS, I HEARTILY CONCUR WITH THIS  
DIRECTION SINCE IT WILL PREVENT THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF STRIP COMMERCIAL ALL  
ALONG THIS NOW VERY RURAL HIGHWAY.

I CAN SEE THE VILLAGE OF COYOTE TO  
BE DEVELOPED BOTH FOR USE BY THE  
RESIDENTS OF COYOTE VALLEY AND BY  
DRIVERS ON OLD HIGHWAY 101 FOR AUTO  
RELATED COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS. THESE  
FUNCTIONS, HOWEVER, ARE TO BE LIMITED  
IN TYPES OF SERVICES AND SCOPE OF LAND  
AREA.

SINCERELY,



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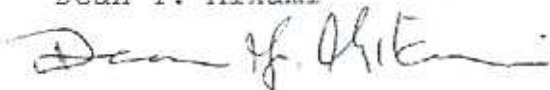
I am an owner, along with three siblings, of approximately seven acres at 561A, Monterey Road in Morgan Hill, property that is included in the Urban Reserve in Coyote Valley. This property has been in my family for many years, is where I grew up, and where my parents actively farmed until their retirement. After their death the four of us inherited the place. We are now responsible to see that this heritage is properly cared for.

My brother-in-law has been attending many of the public meetings for the Coyote Valley Task Force on behalf of the other members of the Mikami Family. I have read his letter of November 26, 2004, and concur with the expressed desire that the Eastern side of Monterey Road should be planned as the lower density residential land use. We do not wish to have mixed-use planning that would detract from the rural setting and destroy the scenic residential transition between Coyote Creek and the highly traveled Monterey Road.

Our family appreciates the interest and concern that has been shown to the numerous property owners of the Coyote Valley by listening to their ideas. I hope that I have expressed our deep concern for the best possible final plan as this area undergoes transition from the farming community to the residential/urban uses that will arrive in the very near future.

Respectfully Submitted

Dean Y. Mikami



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Dear Mr. Gonzales, City Council, Task Force Members, and Planners:

My three brothers and I have inherited the real property of our parents, Charles and Mifuye Mikami, located at 561 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, which is on the east side of Monterey Road, and is within the Urban Reserve of the CVSP. It contains approximately 7.7 acres and their former residence as well as a small home which was for farm help during their active days of growing crops. The land has not been under cultivation for several years, after it became economically unsound to make a living in farming.

My husband, Frank Crane, has attended many of the Public meetings and I have been to a few of them. We have a strong sense of responsibility to look after the best interests of our family as well as the interests of the other property owners in that neighborhood. He has written a letter dated November 26, 2004, in which he requests careful consideration of low density residential land use designations and that commercial, industrial, or mixed use designations become the focus within the villages and the urban core.

We urge you to help preserve the rural setting along the eastern edge of the Urban Reserve by designating the lands as low density residential at no higher than 10 units per acre along the eastern edge of Monterey Road.

Sincerely,



June M. Crane

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My brother-in-law, Frank Crane, has been attending many of the CVTF meetings on behalf of the four members of the Mikami family and keeping us posted on the progress by the City in the planning stages for the Coyote Valley. His letter to you dated November 26, 2004, clearly states our wishes for the future of our family property, a seven acre parcel located on the East side of Monterey Road just north of the Palm Avenue stop light. This is within the Urban Reserve designation. It is very important to us that the rural residential character of our property should be preserved by allowing only residential development to take place along this part of Monterey Road.

My wife and I live on Dougherty Avenue, within the Greenbelt designation area, less than a mile from that 7 acre parcel on Monterey Road. In years past our family, mainly my parents, Charles and Mifuye Mikami, actively farmed that land. In recent years it has become economically impractical to continue that type of land use so the land has remained fallow. Naturally I remain closely tied to that area and feel strongly its best use in the future is for residential uses, which will help preserve its beautiful setting.

Respectfully,



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